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SPAR TO HOST 23rd Annual MLK, JR. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

SHREVEPORT, LA, December 30, 2010: Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation (SPAR), in conjunction with Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation and CUMULUS will host the 23rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament, February 18-20, 2011. This annual basketball tournament honors the legacy of Dr. King and is held in conjunction with African American History Month celebrations throughout the city. The tournament is also designed to unite men, women and youth of all ethnic backgrounds for three days of fun, fitness and community unity. Over \$3,000 in cash prizes and awards will be given to championship winning teams. Over 100 teams (Pro Am to Youth) from numerous southern states will be participating, featuring some of the best players in the south.

The tournament is double elimination with a single elimination championship game. Registration deadline is Friday, February 11th.

Registration Fees: \$300 Pro-Am (Men), \$200 Men (Recreation), \$200 Job Corp, \$175 Women, \$150 Wheelchair and \$75 Youth (Boys and Girls).

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Contact Tournament Coordinator Teneisha McKinney at 318.673.7750, Athletic Director Jerod Jones at 318.213.0433 or Tournament Coordinator Mary Murphy at 318.673.7800 for tournament registration information or go to www.mySPAR.org and click on 2011 MLK Basketball Tournament.